

AMENDED CLAIMS

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original claims 1 - 10 replaced by amended claims 1 - 10 (2 pages)]

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1. Method for the production of tablets having high
viability in the tablet by pressing tablet material
containing living microorganisms,
10 c h a r a c t e r i z e d i n that the tablet material
also contains oligosaccharides consisting of more than two
monosaccharides.

15 2. Method according to claim 1
c h a r a c t e r i z e d i n that the oligosaccharides
are present in an amount of 40-99.5 percent by weight of
the tablet material.

20 3. Method according to any of claims 1-2,
c h a r a c t e r i z e d i n that the oligosaccharides
consist of fructose oligosaccharides.

25 4. Method according to any of claims 1-3,
c h a r a c t e r i z e d i n that the oligosaccharides
consist of inulin.

30 5. Method according to any of claims 1-4,
c h a r a c t e r i z e d i n that the microorganisms
consist of lactic acid producing bacteria.

6. Tablets produced according to any of claims 1-5
containing oligosaccharides and microorganisms.

35 7. Tablets according to claim 6,
c h a r a c t e r i z e d i n that the oligosaccharides
consist of fructose oligosaccharides.

40 8. Tablets according to any of claims 6-7,
c h a r a c t e r i z e d i n that the oligosaccharides
consist of inulin.

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9. Tablets according to any of claims 6-8,
c h a r a c t e r i z e d i n that the microorganisms
consist of lactic acid producing bacteria.

5 10. Tablets according to any of claims 6-9,
c h a r a c t e r i z e d i n that they also contain
polysaccharides such as microcrystalline cellulose and
starch as well as other additives such as calcium
diphosphate.

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